മാണെന്നു് ഗവൺമെൻറിനു് പൂർണ്ണ ബോദ്ധ്യം വന്നിട്ടാണോ;

(ബി) മിസ്റ്റർ വക്കോ ഇപ്പോൾ വക്കീലായി പ്രാക്ടീസു് ചെയ്യുവരുന്ന സംഗതി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്നു് അറിയാമോ?

റാവുബഹദൂർ എം. നാരായണമേനോൻ:

(എ) അതെ.

(ബി) അറിയാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: മിസ്റ്റർ വക്കോവിനെ ജോലിയിൽനിന്നു് പിരിച്ചു തിയ്യതി പറയാമോ?

റാവുബഹദൂർ എം. നാരായണമേനോൻ: നിശ്ചയമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: എന്തുകാരണത്താലാണു് പിരിച്ചുവിട്ടതെന്നു് പറയാമോ?

റാവുബഹദൂർ എം. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അദ്ദേഹം ഒരു പോലീസ്സു് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥനായിരുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു് ഓടുവാൻ വയ്യ, കവാത്തു് നടത്തുവാൻ വയ്യാ, സൈക്കിളിൽ കയറുവാൻ വയ്യാ, ഒന്നിനും വയ്യാ.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ ഇപ്പോഴും പോലീസു് സർവ്വീസിലുണ്ടോ?

റാവുബഹദൂർ എം. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കാം. എന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽപെടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ സമ്മതിക്കുകയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: ഇദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെകാര്യംമാത്രം ഇത്രപെട്ടെന്നു് ഗവൺമെൻറിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽപെട്ടതു് എങ്ങിനെയാണു്?

റാവുബഹദൂർ എം. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അദ്ദേഹം ഒരു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരായിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമവാര്യർ: വക്കീലുദ്യോഗത്തിനു് വേണ്ടുന്ന യോഗ്യം അദ്ദേഹത്തിനുണ്ടോ?

റാവുബഹദൂർ എം. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ൩൦, ൪൫, ൬൦, ൭൦ വയസ്സുവരെ വക്കീലുദ്യോഗത്തിലിരിക്കുന്നവർ ഇപ്പോഴുമുണ്ടു്.

AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF ACT—PETITIONS FOR SCALING DEBTS

236. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state the number of petitions presented before the several Civil Courts in the State during the first 90 days after the 1st Chingam 1115 according to the Cochin Agricultural Debtors' Relief Act for (*i*) scaling down of debts; (*ii*) the total amount scaled down (*iii*) scaling down of arrears of *michavaram*; (*iv*) scaling down of

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verumpattam; (*v*) the total amounts scaled down under the heads (*iii*) and (*iv*); (*vi*) staying execution; (*vii*) the number of petitions allowed and dismissed in each case referred to in the sub-divisions (*i*) to (*vi*)?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General)*: (*i*) 7612, (*ii*) Rs. 47,341—14—5, (*iii*) 178, (*iv*) 453, (*v*) Rs. 2,730—2—8, (*vi*) 1412

(*vii*) *Sub-division*	*Allowed*	*Dismissed*
i	177	70
ii	..	..
iii	3	62
iv	122	46
v	..	..
vi	567	36

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Will the Hon'ble Law Member kindly inform the House, whether the sympathetic attention of the Government has been invited to the fact that the instalments provided for in the Act for the repayment of the debt of the agriculturists have been too short?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General)*: I want notice to say whether any special attention of the Government has been drawn to it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: May I know whether the Select Committee that was appointed by this House to consider this Act in its Bill stage has reported in favour of six annual instalments in similar cases?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General)*: The report was published in the Gazette and was circulated among the members and the information can be gathered from it. The hon'ble member was in the Select Committee. If further information is necessary, I am not in a position to furnish the same. The hon'ble member knows as much as I do, if the object of the supplementary question is to get further information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Am I to take it that the hon'ble member does not recollect the recommendations contained in the report?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General)*: Yes. Not all the details.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Will the hon'ble member be pleased to inform the House whether a non-official Bill was

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assented to by this House in its introduction stage which gave 6 annual instalments to the indebted agriculturists?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* I do not remember the details of that Bill also. One cannot carry the details of everything to which one was a party.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* It is very sad that an hon'ble member like the Advocate-General who has to deal with Bills of such a nature does not recollect things relating to such Bills after the lapse of only a very short time.

Mr. President: Advocates are always accustomed to forget the case as soon as they receive the fees. *(Laughter).*

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* In this case it is the Advocate-General. That makes a difference. May I further know, Sir, whether another non-official Bill giving thirty years time for the payment of the agricultural debts has not received support of the non-official majority of this House?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* I think the hon'ble member withdrew the Bill. It was introduced by the hon'ble member himself.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I am sorry that the hon'ble member remember at the wrong side (*Laughter*). I pressed the Bill to a division and the printed copy of the official proceedings will show how the non-official majority voted in support of the Bill. Apart from this question about the remembrance of the hon'ble member, will the Government be pleased to consider this question sympathetically especially in view of the fact that the matter is already before the Government?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* What is the question on which an assurance is wanted?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Some more time may be given, especially in view of the fact that the Government have not come to any conclusion regarding credit bonds which was the second of the cabinet pictures of the relief to be given.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* There was a full discussion in the Council, and the Government has brought a law into force and nothing further can be done. I cannot give any further assurance on the subject. If the hon'ble member has any grievance he may move in the matter and then it will be considered.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether there was not a petition signed by some members of this Council to reconsider this matter?

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* Which matter?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* To give further concessions to the indebted agriculturists.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* I am not aware.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether there were applications in Courts even after 90 days have elapsed.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* I want notice. The information has to be gathered from the Courts.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government is aware that several agriculturists took the date as 30th Thulam and were unable to give the applications in time?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* It is not the fault of the Government if they misunderstood the law. The section has stated the period as 90 days.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* We admit that it is not the fault of the Government. But out of sympathy towards the poor agriculturists and allowing some margin, will the Government reconsider the proposal of extending some more time for the payment of the scaled down agricultural debt?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* At present the Government has no idea to reconsider that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* As arising out of this very question will the Government be kindly pleased to give information as to how far they have considered the scheme of issuing credit bonds? If the credit bonds have matured, this clamour for the extension of the period would not have arisen. Because Government has to take some time for it, we are praying that some more time may be given.

Mr. President: It was never the intention of the Government that the credit bonds would solve the problem of the instalments. The report was received only recently and it would never have been possible for the Government to pass an order to bring the whole scheme into operation and to issue the necessary credit bonds to enable people to take advantage of the scheme.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* The debtors, according to the scheme, will have to pay the Government only in 20 or 30 years. That would have been a definite relief. If that had taken a definite shape it would not have been necessary to extend the time.

Mr. President: But that would still be there, even if the Government passes favourable orders next month or this month. The only thing is that the agriculturist will not be able to get the

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benefit to pay the debt for this instalment. Therefore there is no clash between the two.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* My request is to expedite consideration of the credit bond scheme.

Mr. President: That is being considered, and for the information of the House, I may say, that if I were to pass an order on that report immediately on its receipt, the order of the Government must necessarily be in the negative, because the condition of the money market has so radically changed. Since the appointment of the Committee, war has intervened and it will be difficult for the Government to issue the credit bonds consistently with the market condition. I am simply postponing the consideration, rather the passing of the orders, just with a view to see whether there will be a radical change in the money market.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Since the war has broken out after the passing of the Act and since the trouble was not anticipated then, our humble request is that the time for payment may be a bit extended.

Mr. President: The hon'ble member may move an amendment to the Act.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* We have already made a representation to the Government, though not directly through the House. I request that the Government will be pleased to consider it sympathetically.

Mr. President: There is a misunderstanding. With regard to the benefit of scaling down, even if the agriculturist fails to discharge the obligations on a particular date, he still gets the benefit of scaling down according to the Act. How has the position changed?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* The difficulty is this. If the first instalment is not paid, then the creditors can proceed against the debtor's properties and divest him of his small belongings. For such people the benefits of the credit bond would not be available when it comes. Since the war has intervened between the Act and the Credit Bond Scheme I request that the Government may be pleased to give some more time for the instalments.

SWEET TODDY TAPPING—LICENSES FOR

237. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ആർ. രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ഗവൺമെൻറു് മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ നിന്നും ഫ്ഫ്ഫ, ഫ്ഫ്ഫ, ഫ്ഫ്ഫ് ഇത് കൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ ചക്കര ചെത്തുന്നതിനു എത്ര ലൈസൻസ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

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